



OFF TO THE CONVENTION . . . of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, in session at the Coronado Hotel from Sunday through Wednesday, are, pictured as they departed Sunday morning, from left, Mrs. R. J. Rogers, president of the Torrance Woman's Club, Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, incoming president, Mrs. L. A. McCoy, incoming first vice president and Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt, the new corresponding secretary.

Eastern Star Has Meeting

Regular meeting of Torrance Eastern Star was held Thursday evening at the Masonic Temple with the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, Phyllis Pevsley and Earl Wells presiding. The following Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Torrance were escorted to the East and presented: Jean Mosher, Jeanette Clark, Vivian Cook, Joan Simpson, Florence Viellenave and Garnett Satterfield. Ernest Mosher, Vincent Viellenave and Frederick Cook.

A report of the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Thelma Rehner Warner and Worthy Grand Patron, Philip Fredric Leahy held Tuesday night at the Masonic Temple in Redondo was given.

Initiation ceremony was held and Josephine Orend, Carmel Steward, Isaar Richard Howard, and Hubert E. Sheehy were received into the Order.

Good of the Order was presided over by Earl Wells, worthy patron. Miss F. E. Verley thanked Cora Garolon serving as organist for the evening, made several announcements, and closed her remarks with a poem entitled "If We Might Have A Second Chance." Mr. Wells announced the Ground Breaking for the new Masonic Temple, held May 7th, and District Courtesy Night at Hermosa Chapter tonight. Star Point Dorothy Hedrick will serve as Adah.

The dining room was colorfully decorated and delicious refreshments were served by Frances Reiser, chairman and her committee, Ida Christians, Mary Baer, Ila Gilbert, Dorothy Gillen and Myrtle Kaler.

New Officers Local YWCA Are Elected

Officers for the coming year were elected by the Torrance Branch Committee on Administration of the YWCA at the May committee meeting presiding over by Miss Neil Colburn, chairman.

Those chosen by the group were Mrs. A. E. Palmer, chairman, Mrs. Rufus Sandstrom, vice-chairman; Mrs. Helen Benton, secretary; and Miss Pauline Greer, treasurer.

New members of the committee who were elected recently and re-elected were introduced. There were Mmes. Helen Benton, Thomas Westfall, L. A. McCoy, and Miss Pauline Greer.

Reports were made by Mmes. Lee Stamps, Sandstrom, M. M. Schwab, A. E. Palmer, Walter Silence, and Miss Marian Fatout.

By virtue of their election, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Sandstrom will serve as ex-officio members of the Harbor District Board of Directors.

New Teen-Age Center Planned

Plans were made for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Teen-Age Center, to be constructed in Gardena, at the meeting of the Gardena Valley Jewish Center. The ceremonies are planned for next month.

New members were introduced and all attending were urged to attend the Men's Latke party on June 4 at the Teen-Age Center, 1651 Market St., Gardena. The Sisterhood also announced that the annual picnic will be held July 10 at the Centinela Valley Park.

LOCAL WOMEN TO ATTEND CONFAB

Leaving tomorrow for San Diego where they will attend the Women's Society of World Service convention which will be in session for three days are Mmes. Gay Grosscapt, E. E. Hoskins, Ann Welly and Walter Stanton.

HOUSEGUESTS

Spending two weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tan, 4212 W. 173rd St. are Mrs. Tan's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkinson and children of Kansas City.

HERE FOR VISIT

Sandra Birchard has been spending the past two weeks here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicolio Blume, 911 Amapola while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Birchard moved from Redondo to their new home on Pennsylvania Ave. in Lomita.

PARENTS HERE

Mother's Day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Shrigley, 4216 W. 173rd St., were Mr. Shrigley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shrigley of Los Angeles.



MISS GLORIA FRY
... June Bride

Methodist Church Setting For Fry-Whisler Nuptials

In a formal evening wedding on June 24 in the First Methodist Church in Torrance, Miss Gloria Fry, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John K. Fry, 2515 W. 156th St., Gardena, will become the bride of Dale Whisler, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Harris, 804 Beech Ave. The bride's father will officiate at the ceremony.

Miss Fry was graduated from the Gardena High school in February.

The benedict-elect was graduated from the Torrance High school in 1950 and since graduation has been employed by the Shell Co.

The bride-elect has announced that Mrs. Glenn Ackman will serve as matron of honor. Bridesmaids will be Mmes. John Fry, Bill Leetz, David Whisler and Miss Charlene Ahlstrom. Little Shelly Stanfield will be the flower girl.

Mr. Whisler has chosen Bill Leetz as best man. Ushers will be David Whisler, John Fry, Jack Rambo and Dale Turner.

Club Plans Quilting Bee

An old-fashioned quilting bee to be held May 31 was planned by the Soroptimists club at its meeting Tuesday at 18301 South Evelyn Ave. Each girl will embroider her name in blue on a square of gold cloth and at the bee, the quilt will be put together. It will then be sent to the sister club in Chichester, England.

The quilting bee will be held at the drapery shop of Edith Ennis club president. An old-fashioned box supper will be served. The club welcomed back Helen Parrish, who has been on a leave of absence. Plans were also made for the installation of officers to be held at a Torrance restaurant on Jun 28.

Russell Swigarts Mark Silver Wedding Day and Welcome First Grandson

The arrival of their first grandson and an open house celebrating their silver wedding anniversary provided a busy weekend for Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Swigart, 1324 Acacia on May 8.

The baby, Steven Ray, who was born at the Seaside hospital on Friday, May 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Swigart's only son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Swigart, 1745 Fern Ave., was brought home on Sunday morning. He has a sister, 18-month-old Susan Patrice, who accompanied her father to her grandparents' 25th anniversary party. The two youngsters are also the only grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Eads of Maple St.

A beautifully decorated wedding cake in white and silver centered the table from which refreshments were served during the hours 2 to 6 p.m. A large number of friends called to offer felicitations to the couple, who were married in Deadwood, S.D., on May 7, 1930. They came to Torrance in July, 1939. Their son, LeRoy was educated here and was graduated from the Torrance High school.

Two years with the United States Navy and is now attending El Camino College.

Mrs. Swigart is a member of the Torrance Chapter of the Eastern Star and Mr. Swigart belongs to the local Masonic lodge. Mrs. Swigart has been employed at the Torrance Hardware Store for the past 11 years and Mr. Swigart has been with Columbia Steel for 16 years.

Assisting in serving refreshments at the open house Sunday were Mrs. O. W. Hakanson of Torrance and Mrs. Gene Hakanson of Long Beach.

Guests calling were Mmes. Charles V. Jones, Gray V. Jones, Gene Hakanson of Long Beach; G. M. Naylor, G. C. Mittan, E. Montgomery, C. B. Mitchell, William Scholl, F. Mishler, Herman Mitchell, O. W. Hakanson, M. Rudnik, Thomas McLaughlin; Mmes. M. Hartley, C. Lyons, L. Young, Ellen Hakanson, S. Bankovicki and K. Berkholtz.

Ghi Rho Club

Marilyn Poeske, president conducted the business meeting of the Nativly Chi Rho club held Wednesday evening May 4 in the church annex.

After the meeting the members heard a talk by Frank Kristufek on college and professional football. Dancing was enjoyed after the meeting.

Cornstompers Graduation Square Dance Tuesday Eve

Sixteen local Cornstomper couples will be among a total of 85 "graduates" to receive diplomas at a giant graduation Square Dance to be held Tuesday, May 17, at the Civic Auditorium in Torrance, starting at 8 p.m.

A feature of the evening will be a western style show of the latest western garb as produced by two of the nation's major manufacturers, and modeling will be by members of the graduating group.

Starting last September as neophytes, the dancers have been brought up to intermediate standards by caller Gerald Reeser, who will be the master of ceremonies for the evening.

Calling chores, to live music, will be shared by guest callers. Refreshments and door prizes will be additional features for the evening.

The class organized as a club early in January, and selected the name of Cornstompers and later were admitted to A Square D (Associated Square Dancers) as the largest single new club in the history of the state association.

The club sponsored by the Recreation Department of the City of Torrance, of which Harry Van Bellehem is the di-

rector, sponsored a Heart Fund dance in late January, which 200 people attended.

Local people graduating are: Don and Hazel Aycock, 1041 Jay St.; Jean and Woody Scott, 4918 W. 177 St.; Claude and Marie Engelhardt, 3303 Dalemead St.; John and Edee Ericson, 22407 S. Denker St.; Bud and Ruth Black, 22523 Kathryn Ave.; Allen and Beverly Hosmer, 22314 Susana Ave.; Everett and Florence Porter, 18602 Ardath Ave.; Ivan and Carmen Esty, 21233 Archbold St.; Ben and Helen Paulsen, 1547 W. 214 St.; Don and Bea Weymouth, 3328 Winlock Rd.; Larry and Winnie Cronan, 4027 W. 177 St.; Larry and Helene Monaghan, 3228 Dalemead St.; Ralph Wasserburger, 1104 Acacia St.; C. A. Stewart, 1314 Madrid Ave.; Paul Wrightsman, 15840 S. Vermont; Jerry and Chris Stockstill, 18809 Wilkie Ave.; John and Mary Gansdy, 28555 Buckskin Lane; Harriett Hamlin, 140 Via Los Miradores; Merle and Phyllis Johnson; Martha and Park Pennington, Herb and Virginia Ripley, Ila Rodgers, Dutch and Irene Pherigo, Rita Ebel, and Bob and Ruth Singer.

Of these, John and Ruth Black, Ellis and Florence Mayfield, Merle and Phyllis Johnson; Neil Sterley, Lillian Wanner, Francis and Jack Dunn, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thompson will model the western outfits in the style show.

Mrs. A. C. Allen will outfit the girls while Dick Braham will supervise the men of the show and provide the commentary.

PTA Council Officers Are Installed

Mrs. C. H. Turner, past president of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers conducted the installation of new officers of the Torrance PTA Council in an impressive ceremony last Tuesday morning at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Mrs. W. A. Wright, council president, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. C. F. Malone led the pledge of allegiance after which Mrs. Henry Graef, chairman of the record book committee, presented the publicity awards.

Officers installed for the 1955-56 year were Mmes. W. A. Wright, William Crooker, Henry Graef, R. E. Moffitt, R. E. Murphy, Dana Francis Stoekle.

Officers who have served during the past year were Mrs. W. A. Wright, president; Mrs. Emmett Ingram, first vice president; Mrs. Duane Sherwood, second vice president; Mrs. Glen Blake, third vice president; Mrs. W. W. Jackson, fourth vice president; Mrs. Dana Houston, recording secretary; Mrs. William Skiles, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Glen Runsted, financial secretary; Mrs. William Steinwachs, treasurer; Mrs. Herman Cortez, auditor; Mrs. A. B. Cowie, historian; and Mrs. A. C. Turner, parliamentarian.

The historian's presentation was made by Mrs. A. B. Cowie, historian with Mrs. Herman Cortez, assisting.

Reception Fetes Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank Ratner, who were married in Yuma, Arizona, on March 13 are now established in their new home at 20627 S. Berenda Ave., Torrance. Mrs. Ratner is the former Viola Lewis, daughter of Mrs. Emma Hurst of Tulsa, Okla.

The wedding climaxed a romance which began a year ago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence K. Johnson, 275 E. 214th St., when the bride arrived for a visit.

The bridegroom, son of Mrs. Mercedes Ratner of Los Angeles and the late Robert Ratner, is a graduate of Washington High School. He also served four years with the United States Navy.

On April 30, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson entertained at a reception and shower complimenting the couple. A beautiful wedding cake was served with punch to the over 90 guests attending the affair. The guest list was comprised of relatives and friends from the entire area.

They were: Mrs. Mercedes Ratner, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Linton of Manhattan Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ranney of Lakewood, Mrs. Rosita Prentice and two daughters, Kathleen and Elizabeth of Long Beach.

Others were: Messrs. and Mmes. Robert Stevens, George Zasedill and daughter, Herb Matt, Bill Kern, George Jurado, Rudy Ochoa, Paul Ohe, Lawrence Reynolds, Stanley Thomas, Ted Mitchell, Alfred Rodriguez, Arthur Baker, Cecil Sanders, Roy Hanson, Eric North, Harry Baker and three daughters, Marion, Melinda and Melody; Pete Vigil, Red Ranny, William Wolf, Harry Benson and son, Tom; E. J. Linton, Bert Gaul, James Monson, Walter Cramer, Charles Rhodes, George Piskey, C. K. Johnson.

Others were: Mmes. Marion Courtney Irene Shannon, Mary McShane, Rosita Prentice and two daughters, Elizabeth and Kathleen, Mary Jacobs, also Paul and Carol Sanders, Buck Moore, Charlie Halseberg, Joan Sennett, Pat Kelly, Jay Holmes and Sam Holmes.

Lomita Community Flower Show Plans Are Under Way

Lomita Community Flower show committee and the Executive board of the Lomita Fuchsia society met Wednesday May 18 at the home of Mrs. Ed Shurgot, 2460 251 St. to make final layout for floor plans for the coming flower show. Islands will be used and placed as to form a natural path leading to a patio of shade flowers and hanging fuchsia baskets.

These islands and floor displays will be used by nurseries and larger exhibitors such as the Torrance Garden club, North Long Beach Fuchsia society, American Begonia society, Harbor Aquarian Society, and Ken Terry who will have an educational exhibit. Slated to enter are six nurseries and nine florists.

Three judges, not members of the local club, will judge the show. Entries may be made all day Friday June 3 and Saturday morning June 4 until 10 a. m. when judging will begin. The show will open to the public at 3 p. m. on Friday and remain open until 9 p. m. Show hours on Saturday are 10 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Free garden plants will be given away at the show. Trophies are being displayed locally and anyone interested in entering the show is asked to contact, Mrs. Robert Riggles, 2442 Kathy Way, Torrance.

Regular meeting of the Fuchsia society will be held Friday May 20 at 8 p. m. at the Lomita American Legion hall. Ken Taylor of Pasadena will show slides and discuss "Pest Control." Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

OFF TO HAWAII
Miss Delores Robinson, x-ray technician and Mrs. Audrey Colyar who is employed in the office at the Torrance Memorial Hospital left by United Airlines last Thursday morning for a two weeks vacation in Hawaii. They plan to return on the Lurline.



PATRICIA MCKINNON
... Troth Revealed

Patricia McKinnon to Wed Frank Toyne Jr. on July 2

Wedding bells will ring on July 2 for Miss Patricia McKinnon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McKinnon, 2026 W. 177th St., Torrance, and Frank Toyne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toyne Sr. of Los Angeles. The nuptials will be solemnized at an 11 o'clock ceremony at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. A. E. Bello, church pastor, officiating.

Miss McKinnon came to Torrance with her family from New York two years ago. She is a senior at Torrance High school and will be graduated next month. She is a reporter on the high school paper.

Mr. Toyne was educated in Seattle, Wash., and is employed at Douglas Long Beach.

The bridal party personnel as announced by the bride-elect is: Mrs. Mary Redman, matron of honor; Misses Valerie Jean Brown and Karen Lu Herby, bridesmaids; and two of her younger sisters, Donna Marie and Carol Ann McKinnon, flower girls.

The bridegroom-to-be has asked Robert Barry to serve as best man and ushers will be Thomas McKinnon and Richard Toyne.

Aquarian Unit On Field Trip

Harbor Aquarian Society and the Junior Harbor Aquarian society with their families and friends gathered Sunday, May 15 at the west end of Point Fermin Park in San Pedro for a field trip to gather specimens in the tide pools on the beach during low tide. A picnic lunch was served.

The Junior Harbor Aquarian Society held its regular monthly meeting Friday evening at the WALTERIA Park clubhouse. Joe Cooke, president, was in charge of the meeting. Barbs was the fish for show and discussion. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson of San Pedro, new counselors, were introduced.

Movies were shown and a five gallon tank was given as a door prize.

On Vacation

Miss Sue Grayson, surgical supervisor at the Harbor General Hospital left recently for a vacation in Iowa.



NEW PTA COUNCIL HEADS . . . installed at a meeting last Tuesday at the civic auditorium are from left, back row, Mmes. C. S. Connors, A. McKenzie, Dana Houston, Lee Pollock, Robert Parke, William Steinwachs. Front row, from the left, Mmes. Henry Graef, William Crooker, W. A. Wright, C. H. Turner, who conducted the installation ceremony, R. E. Moffitt, and R. E. Murphy. The installation meeting was attended by presidents of the PTA of the Torrance Council as well as a number of PTA dignitaries from the harbor area.